Question Hour ....*(Interruptions)*.... Now, let them not obstruct the proceedings of the House ....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI (Madhya Pradesh): This is Parliament. The Opposition does not want any debate in this House ....*(Interruptions)*....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Mishra, do you want to say something, something different?

SHRI CHATURNAN MISHRA (Bihar): Sir, the point is a very serious question has come up before the House. It concerns all of us. Therefore, you please adjourn the House, consult the parties and decide the issue ....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, the files concerned are there in the Deputy Chairman's chamber. Let them peruse them first .... *(Interruptions)*....

MR. CHAIRMAN: I adjourn the House for the day to have discussions.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Foreign Exchange spent on Tourism Publicity

*221. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refere to answer to Unstarred Question No. 201 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1995 and state the amount of foreign exchange spent on tourism publicity during the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Foreign exchange equivalent to Rs. 51.40 crores was spent on tourism publicity during 1994-95.

US Quota on Indian Woollen Garments

*222. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: V/ill the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whather United States has rescinded its quota on woollen garments from India as recommended by WTO's Textile Monitoring Body;

(b) what steps Government have taken to ensure that the recommendations are implemented; and

(c) what have been the recommandations of textile Monitoring Body on categories 435 and 440 of garments?

THE MINISTER- OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Textiles Monitoring Body (TMB) had recommended that the U.S. should rescind the restraints on the iirports of category 434 products from India. The U.S.A. has since informed the Textiles Monitoring Body of the removal of restraints from category 434, in compliance of its recommendations.

(b) and (c) While holding a review of the restraint measures initiated by the U.S.A. in respect of category 435, the TMB had arrived at a consensus that there was no serious damage. However, the TMB had failed to arrive at a consensus on the issue of actual threat of serious damage. In respect of category 440, the TMB had held that there was an actual threat of serious damage.

Government of India had thereupon moved the TMB for another review of the matter in respect of categories 435 and 440. The TMB has recently reviewed the matter once again but it has not given any recommendations other than the conclusions it had reached in its earlier meeting.

Government is considering taking the matter to the Disputs Settlement Body.

External Aid

@*223. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased state:

(a) the gross external aid received in 1993-94, 1994-95 together with the projection for the current financial year;

(b) the gross revenue receipts for the above period;

(c) the figures for the repayment of principal debt servicing for the same period and what percentage does it constitute of revenue receipts;

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